

The following listing of claims will replace prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing Of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A telephone having a key pad comprising at least ten number keys arranged to dial the digits from 0 to 9 inclusive, each of said number keys being marked with a visual indicator denoting the digit which the number key is arranged to dial, the number key arranged to dial the digit 1 bearingcomprising a first tactile indicator directly affixed thereto, and the number key arranged to dial the digit 9 bearingcomprising a second tactile indicator directly affixed thereto distinguishable by touch from the first tactile indicator, said first and second tactile indicators not substantially obscuring said visual indicators on said keys bearing said tactile indicators, said tactile indicators not being the Braille equivalents of the digits which said number keys bearing said tactile indicators are arranged to dial.

2. (Currently Amended) A telephone according to claim 1 having, in addition to said ten number keys, an on key which must be pressed before said number keys can dial their associated digits, said on key bearingcomprising a third tactile indicator directly affixed thereto distinguishable by touch from both said first and second tactile indicators.

3. (Currently Amended) A telephone according to claim 2 having, in addition to said ten number keys and said on key, a send key which must be pressed after pressing said number keys in order to transmit the digits dialed by said number keys, said send key bearingcomprising a fourth tactile indicator directly affixed thereto distinguishable by touch from all of said first, second and third tactile indicators.

4. (Previously Presented) A telephone having a key pad comprising at least ten number keys arranged to dial the digits from 0 to 9 inclusive, each of said number keys being marked with a visual indicator denoting the digit which the number key is arranged to dial, the number key arranged to dial the digit 1 bearing a first tactile indicator, and the

number key arranged to dial the digit 9 bearing a second tactile indicator distinguishable by touch from the first tactile indicator, said first and second tactile indicators not substantially obscuring said visual indicators on said keys bearing said tactile indicators, said tactile indicators not being the Braille equivalents of the digits which said number keys bearing said tactile indicators are arranged to dial, wherein one of said first and second tactile indicators comprises a single projection extending from its associated number key, and the other of said first and second tactile indicators comprises at least two spaced projections extending from its associated number key.

5. (Original) A telephone according to claim 4 wherein at least one of said projections has a substantially hemispherical form with the flat surface of the hemisphere facing said associated number key.

6. (Original) A telephone according to claim 5 wherein said substantially hemispherical projection has a diameter in the range of about 0.062 to about 0.125 inch (about 1.6 to about 3.2 mm) and a height in the range of about 0.032 to about 0.062 inch (about 0.80 to about 1.6 mm).

7. (Original) A telephone according to claim 4 wherein one of said first and second tactile projections comprises a pair of spaced, substantially hemispherical projections with the flat surface of each hemisphere facing said associated number key, said projections having a spacing between the centers of said two projection, in the range of about 0.093 to about 0.375 inch (about 2.4 to about 9.5 mm).

8. (Original) A telephone according to claim 7 wherein each of said hemispherical projections has a diameter in the range of about 0.062 to about 0.125 inch (about 1.6 to about 3.2 mm) and a height in the range of about 0.032 to about 0.062 inch (about 0.80 to about 1.6 mm).

9. (Original) A telephone according to claim 1 wherein at least one of said tactile indicators is substantially transparent.

10. (Currently Amended) A telephone according to claim 9 wherein said at least one of said tactile indicators comprises a substantially transparent plate overlying at least part of the visual indicator on its associated number key, and a substantially transparent projection extending outwardly from said plate.

11. (Original) A telephone according to claim 10 wherein said transparent plate is secured to its associated number key with an adhesive.

12. (Original) A telephone according to claim 3 wherein at least one of said tactile indicators comprises an elongate ridge projecting from its associated number key.

13. (Original) A telephone according to claim 1 wherein all of said keypad is molded of a single elastomeric material.

14. (Original) A telephone according to claim 2 wherein at least one of said tactile indicators is substantially cruciform.

15. (Canceled) A method of modifying a telephone to enable an operator of said telephone to dial "011" by touch, said method comprising:
—— providing a telephone having a key pad comprising at least ten number keys arranged to dial the digits from 0 to 9 inclusive, each of said number keys being marked with a visual indicator denoting the digit which the number key is arranged to dial;
—— providing a first auxiliary member comprising a first tactile indicator;
—— providing a second auxiliary member comprising a second tactile indicator distinguishable by touch from the first tactile indicator;
—— said first and second tactile indicators not being the Braille equivalents of the digits 1 and 0;
—— attaching the first auxiliary member to the number key arranged to dial the digit 1 such that the first tactile indicator does not substantially obscure the visual indicator on said number key; and

~~attaching the second auxiliary member to the number key arranged to dial the digit 9 such that the second tactile indicator does not substantially obscure the visual indicator on said number key.~~

16. (Canceled) ~~A method according to claim 15 wherein at least one of said first and second auxiliary members comprises, in addition to the tactile indicator, a substantially transparent plate, and wherein said transparent plate is attached to said number key, leaving said tactile indicator projecting from said number key.~~

17. (Currently Amended) A method of modifying a telephone to enable an operator of said telephone to dial "911" by touch, said method comprising:
providing a telephone having a key pad comprising at least ten number keys arranged to dial the digits from 0 to 9 inclusive, each of said number keys being marked with a visual indicator denoting the digit which the number key is arranged to dial;
providing a first auxiliary member comprising a first tactile indicator;
providing a second auxiliary member comprising a second tactile indicator distinguishable by touch from the first tactile indicator,
said first and second tactile indicators not being the Braille equivalents of the digits 1 and 9;
attaching the first auxiliary member to the number key arranged to dial the digit 1 such that the first tactile indicator does not substantially obscure the visual indicator on said number key; and
attaching the second auxiliary member to the number key arranged to dial the digit 9 such that the second tactile indicator does not substantially obscure the visual indicator on said number key;
wherein at least one of said first and second auxiliary members comprises, in addition to the tactile indicator, a substantially transparent plate comprising a layer of adhesive on the opposed side of said plate from said tactile indicator wherein said transparent plate is attached to said number key using said layer of adhesive, leaving said tactile indicator projecting from said number key.

~~A method according to claim 16 wherein said at least one of said first and second auxiliary members comprises a layer of adhesive on the opposed side of said plate from said tactile indicator and wherein said auxiliary member is attached to said number key using said layer of adhesive.~~

18. (Canceled) ~~A method according to claim 15 wherein said telephone has, in addition to said ten number keys, an on key which must be pressed before said number keys can dial their associated digits, and wherein said method comprises providing a third auxiliary member comprising a third tactile indicator distinguishable by touch from both said first and second tactile indicators, and attaching said third auxiliary member to said on key.~~

19. (Currently amended) A method of modifying a telephone to enable an operator of said telephone to dial "911" by touch, said method comprising:
providing a telephone having a key pad comprising at least ten number keys arranged to dial the digits from 0 to 9 inclusive, each of said number keys being marked with a visual indicator denoting the digit which the number key is arranged to dial;
providing a first auxiliary member comprising a first tactile indicator;
providing a second auxiliary member comprising a second tactile indicator distinguishable by touch from the first tactile indicator,
said first and second tactile indicators not being the Braille equivalents of the digits 1 and 9;
attaching the first auxiliary member to the number key arranged to dial the digit 1 such that the first tactile indicator does not substantially obscure the visual indicator on said number key; and
attaching the second auxiliary member to the number key arranged to dial the digit 9 such that the second tactile indicator does not substantially obscure the visual indicator on said number key,
wherein said telephone has, in addition to said ten number keys, an on key which must be pressed before said number keys can dial their associated digits, and wherein

said method comprises providing a third auxiliary member comprising a third tactile indicator distinguishable by touch from both said first and second tactile indicators, and attaching said third auxiliary member to said on key and A method according to claim 18 wherein said telephone has, in addition to said ten number keys and said on key, a send key which must be pressed after pressing said number keys in order to transmit the digits dialed by said number keys, said method further comprising providing a fourth auxiliary member comprising a fourth tactile indicator distinguishable by touch from all of said first, second and third tactile indicators, and wherein said method further comprises comprising attaching said fourth auxiliary member to said send key.

~~20. (Canceled) Telephone keypad tactile add-ons for modifying a telephone to enable an operator of said telephone to dial "911" by touch where the telephone has a key-pad comprising at least ten number keys arranged to dial the digits from 0 to 9 inclusive, each of said number keys being marked with a visual indicator denoting the digit which the number key is arranged to dial, said add-ons comprising:~~

- ~~—— a first auxiliary member comprising a first tactile indicator;~~
- ~~—— a second auxiliary member comprising a second tactile indicator distinguishable by touch from the first tactile indicator,~~
- ~~—— said first and second tactile indicators not being the Braille equivalents of the digits 1 and 0;~~
- ~~—— said first and second auxiliary members being adapted to be attached to the number key arranged to dial the digit 1 such that the first tactile indicator does not substantially obscure the visual indicator on said number key and said second auxiliary member to the number key arranged to dial the digit 0 such that the second tactile indicator does not substantially obscure the visual indicator on said number key.~~

~~21. (Canceled) The add-ons according to claim 20 wherein at least one of said first and second auxiliary members comprises, in addition to the tactile indicator, a substantially transparent plate, and wherein said transparent plate is attached to said number key, leaving said tactile indicator projecting from said number key.~~

22. (Currently amended) Telephone keypad tactile add-ons for modifying a telephone to enable an operator of said telephone to dial "911" by touch where the telephone has a key pad comprising at least ten number keys arranged to dial the digits from 0 to 9 inclusive, each of said number keys being marked with a visual indicator denoting the digit which the number key is arranged to dial, said add-ons comprising:
a first auxiliary member comprising a first tactile indicator; and
a second auxiliary member comprising a second tactile indicator distinguishable by touch from the first tactile indicator,
said first and second tactile indicators not being the Braille equivalents of the digits 1 and 9; said first and second auxiliary members being adapted to be attached to the number key arranged to dial the digit 1 such that the first tactile indicator does not substantially obscure the visual indicator on said number key and said second auxiliary member to the number key arranged to dial the digit 9 such that the second tactile indicator does not substantially obscure the visual indicator on said number key, and
wherein at least one of said first and second auxiliary members comprises, in addition to the tactile indicator, a substantially transparent plate, and wherein said transparent plate is attached to said number key, leaving said tactile indicator projecting from said number key. ~~The add-ons according to claim 21-said at least one of said first and second auxiliary members comprising a layer of adhesive on the opposed side of said plate from said tactile indicator and wherein said auxiliary member is attached to said number key using said layer of adhesive.~~

23. (Canceled) ~~The add-ons according to claim 20 wherein said telephone has, in addition to said ten number keys, an on key which must be pressed before said number keys can dial their associated digits, and wherein said add-ons comprise a third auxiliary member comprising a third tactile indicator distinguishable by touch from both said first and second tactile indicators, and said third auxiliary member being adapted to be attached to said on key.~~

24. (Currently amended) Telephone keypad tactile add-ons for modifying a telephone to enable an operator of said telephone to dial "911" by touch where the

telephone has a key pad comprising at least ten number keys arranged to dial the digits from 0 to 9 inclusive, each of said number keys being marked with a visual indicator denoting the digit which the number key is arranged to dial, said add-ons comprising:

a first auxiliary member comprising a first tactile indicator; and

a second auxiliary member comprising a second tactile indicator distinguishable by touch from the first tactile indicator,

said first and second tactile indicators not being the Braille equivalents of the digits 1 and 9;

said first and second auxiliary members being adapted to be attached to the number key arranged to dial the digit 1 such that the first tactile indicator does not substantially obscure the visual indicator on said number key and said second auxiliary member to the number key arranged to dial the digit 9 such that the second tactile indicator does not substantially obscure the visual indicator on said number key and wherein said telephone has, in addition to said ten number keys, an on key which must be pressed before said number keys can dial their associated digits, wherein said add-ons comprise a third auxiliary member comprising a third tactile indicator distinguishable by touch from both said first and second tactile indicators, and said third auxiliary member is adapted to be attached to said on key. The add-ons according to claim 23 wherein said telephone has, in addition to said ten number keys and said on key, a send key which must be pressed after pressing said number keys in order to transmit the digits dialed by said number keys, said add-ons comprising a fourth auxiliary member comprising a fourth tactile indicator distinguishable by touch from all of said first, second and third tactile indicators, and wherein said fourth auxiliary member is adapted to be attached to said fourth auxiliary member to said send key.

25. (Currently amended) A telephone having a key pad comprising at least ten number keys arranged to dial the digits from 0 to 9 inclusive, each of said number keys being marked with a visual indicator denoting the digit which the number key is arranged to dial, the number key arranged to dial the digit 1 bearingcomprising a first tactile indicator directly affixed thereto, and the number key arranged to dial the digit 9 bearingcomprising a second tactile indicator directly affixed thereto and distinguishable

by touch from the first tactile indicator, said first and second tactile indicators not substantially obscuring said visual indicators on said keys bearing said tactile indicators, wherein said number keys other than those keys arranged to dial the digit 1 or the digit 9 do not bear distinguishable tactile indicators.

26. (Currently amended) A method of modifying a telephone to enable an operator of said telephone to dial "911" by touch, said method comprising:

providing a telephone having a key pad comprising at least ten number keys arranged to dial the digits from 0 to 9 inclusive, each of said number keys being marked with a visual indicator denoting the digit which the number key is arranged to dial;

providing a first auxiliary member comprising a first tactile indicator;

providing a second auxiliary member comprising a second tactile indicator distinguishable by touch from the first tactile indicator,

attaching the first auxiliary member to the number key arranged to dial the digit 1 such that the first tactile indicator does not substantially obscure the visual indicator on said number key; and

attaching the second auxiliary member to the number key arranged to dial the digit 9 such that the second tactile indicator does not substantially obscure the visual indicator on said number key,

wherein each of said number keys other than those arranged to dial the digit 1 or 9 are not distinguished by tactile indicators, wherein at least one of said first and second auxiliary members comprises, in addition to the tactile indicator, a substantially transparent plate, and wherein said transparent plate is attached to said number key, leaving said tactile indicator projecting from said number key, at least one of said first and second auxiliary members comprising a layer of adhesive on the opposed side of said plate from said tactile indicator and wherein said auxiliary member is attached to said number key using said layer of adhesive.

27. (Currently amended) Telephone keypad tactile add-ons for modifying a telephone to enable an operator of said telephone to dial "911" by touch where the telephone has a key pad comprising at least ten number keys arranged to dial the digits

from 0 to 9 inclusive, each of said number keys being marked with a visual indicator denoting the digit which the number key is arranged to dial, said add-ons comprising:

a first auxiliary member comprising a first tactile indicator;

a second auxiliary member comprising a second tactile indicator distinguishable by touch from the first tactile indicator,

said first and second auxiliary members being adapted to be attached to the number key arranged to dial the digit 1 such that the first tactile indicator does not substantially obscure the visual indicator on said number key and said second auxiliary member to the number key arranged to dial the digit 9 such that the second tactile indicator does not substantially obscure the visual indicator on said number key,

wherein each of said number keys other than those arranged to dial the digit 1 or 9 are not distinguished by tactile indicators, and wherein at least one of said first and second auxiliary members comprises, in addition to the tactile indicator, a substantially transparent plate, and wherein said transparent plate is attached to said number key, leaving said tactile indicator projecting from said number key, at least one of said first and second auxiliary members comprising a layer of adhesive on the opposed side of said plate from said tactile indicator and wherein said auxiliary member is attached to said number key using said layer of adhesive.